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A massive tornado touched down for three hours Monday night in southwest Manitoba and travelled for 80 kilometres. Story, metroNEWS

Shooting sends man screaming

VIOLENT CRIME

Witness says victim begged for help on Nassau Street

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

A daytime shooting in the south Osborne area sent a man to hospital on Tuesday.

Winnipeg Police responded to a call of shots fired in the area around the corner of Nassau Street South and Taft Crescent around 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday.

A witness who would only give her name as Monique, who lives on Taft Crescent, told Metro the victim was shot on Nassau Street South and ran onto Taft Crescent screaming for help and for people to call 911. She said the victim was lying on the ground when police arrived.

The victim's first name is Wyatt, she said, adding he is in his early 20s and is her brother's good friend.

Monique said she believes the shooting was a "drive-by," and that she was shocked by what happened.

Another witness, who would not give her name, said the victim was taken to hospital with a large open wound in his chest, but was conscious when he was taken in the ambulance.

Police were on the scene of the shooting Tuesday afternoon investigating and interviewing a number of witnesses.

A reliable source told Metro two people are now in custody for the shooting, but Winnipeg Police have not confirmed that.

In a statement, police would only say they located a man who was taken to hospital.

Police have not given an update on the condition of the victim.

Police were investigating the shooting Tuesday. METRO

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Prison worker pleads guilty to helping killers plot escape. **World**

Time to turn up the heat on 2017 Canada Games

SPORT

Promoted as 'hottest summer in half a century'

Donna Maxwell
For Metro | Winnipeg

Brooke Bouchard, left, is working toward competing in the 2017 Canada Games in Winnipeg, and Lily Kaufmann is a veteran of the two previous Games. Both teach diving at the Pan Am Pool. DONNA MAXWELL/FOR METRO

With the air conditioning on the fritz, the Aquatic Hall of Fame and Museum of Canada provided the perfect sweat-soaked locale for members of the Canada Games Host Society to announce the 2017 Games in Winnipeg have been branded 'The Hottest Summer in Half a Century.'

Wednesday morning's announcement of the branding of the 50th Canada Games was strategically timed to be two years to the day before the start of the Games on July 28, 2017.

It brought out local politicians as well as Canada Games alumni and former Olympic swimmer Rhiannon Leier Blacher to hear how the Games will leave a legacy in the city with upgrades to sports facilities like the Pan Am Pool, which houses the Aquatic Hall of Fame.

"The bulkhead in this pool was built in 1967, so it's tired and it needs a replacement," said Games co-chairman Hubert Mesman. "That will bring this pool back up to international and national standards for future aquatic competitions."

Other facilities, including the Sport for Life Centre and the track at the University of Manitoba, will be upgraded as well.

McKim Communications Group created 'The Hottest Summer in Half a Century' brand for the Games. McKim CEO Peter George said Manitoba summers were the inspiration for the catch phrase and when the more than 4,000 athletes and 20,000 visitors converge on the province in July 2017, they'll be able to experience what Manitobans live every summer. The Games, which run July 28 to Aug. 13, 2017, will feature 16 sports and more than 250 events, and will take place in Winnipeg, Kenora and Gimli.

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The 2017 Canada Games will feature 16 sports and more than 250 events.
TORSTAR MEDIA

INDIA/PAKISTAN

International rivals join forces for independence days

Decades of disagreements, and the upcoming long weekend, conspired to foil a planned gathering of Indians and Pakistanis just prior to their home countries' independence days, but organizer Bashir Khan said he's thrilled the two groups will meet this Saturday.

The task of bringing 30 Indians and 30 Pakistanis together was difficult, said Khan, one of the event organizers.

"It was not easy, especially facing the long weekend, that made it all the more tougher," Khan said. "And to be honest, people were very skeptical."

The Pakistan-Canada Cultural Equation of Manitoba and the Mahatma Gandhi Centre of Canada will host a speaker, UCLA Indian history professor and author Vinay Lal, at 3 p.m. at the Best Western Hotel, 1714 Pembina Hwy. A discussion session will follow Lal's speech.

Vinay Lal will speak this Saturday at the Best Western Hotel on Pembina Highway. YOUTUBE

Khan said while people had their concerns about why they should attend the event, they've started to come around.

"It's never been done, the two shall never meet, you see, (there's) bitter hostility, mental attitudes," he said.

Khan says his goal in bringing the two cultures together is simple — he wants to start a dialogue that will allow people to see their similarities rather than their differences. Both countries gained their independence within days of each other in August 1947 and since that time there have been several border wars and the territorial Kashmir conflict continues to rage on.

Both Indians and Pakistanis come to Canada and flourish in the melting pot and are accepting of those born in their adopted homeland, said Khan, yet they continue to harbour ill will against each other.

"India and Pakistan are two really nationalistic, nuclear armed nations and people of the two communities harbour views about each other, both over there and here," Khan said. "There's never ever been an attempt made to actually bring the two together and say 'Hey, you and I have a lot more in common with each other than we do with our Canadian counterparts, our fellow Canadians."

"I want to talk about the commonality in what we have."

Those interested in attending should email Khan at bkhan@shaw.ca. Entrance is by reservation only.

DONNA MAXWELL/FOR METRO

FRINGE

Festival sets records

The Winnipeg Fringe Festival is reporting another record breaking year. Organizers say the festival, which wrapped up Sunday, saw an indoor attendance of 108,706 this year, up from the 104,859 they had last year and daily attendance records were broken seven days of the festival's 12-day run.

"Every year, we continue to be amazed and so thankful that Winnipeggers and the performing companies come out in record numbers to support the Fringe Festival," said executive producer Chuck McEwen in a release. "Even after 28 years, we still see people experiencing Fringe for the first time and we can only hope that they help us to continue to grow the festival for future years."

Rain and high heat and humidity didn't stop roughly 80,000 people from taking in the free live music and entertainment at Old Market Square and organizers say the Kids Venue set a new attendance record of 4,640, a 22 per cent spike over last year.

Next year's Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival runs July 13 to July 24. METRO

RICHARDSON INTERNATIONAL

Airport revenue, traffic up

Both traffic and revenues were up at Winnipeg Richardson International Airport in the second quarter of this year compared to the same time last year, according to numbers released Tuesday.

Winnipeg Airports Authority's (WAA) 2015 second quarter results show traffic increased 4.28 per cent this year and revenues climbed from $24.2 million last year to $26.9 million this year. Earnings before interest, depreciation and taxes were $13.7 million compared to $11.4 million over the same period in 2014.

"We are proud to serve our community by working with partners to provide new travel options and helping create new jobs for Manitobans," said Barry Rempel, WAA president and CEO, in a release. METRO

WEB

Beluga whales go live through cams

A live stream of Churchill's beluga whales will run on explore.org until Aug. 21. CONTRIBUTED

The thousands of beluga whales that call Churchill home in the summer months are getting an international audience this year.

Manitoba's Frontiers North Adventures, a Winnipeg-based company operating out of Churchill that offers travel packages to the province's north, has teamed up with explore.org and Polar Bear International to create an online beluga whale cam.

The cam will live stream the activities of polar bear researchers and the beluga whales they encounter on a boat in the Churchill River estuary this summer.

The stream will include shots from two cams, one on the boat and the other under it.

The cams went live last weekend and will broadcast 24 hours a day until Aug. 21.

The stream will feature four to six hours of live feed every day depending on weather and tide, with a loop of highlights playing when researchers are not on the water.

Go to explore.org to check out the beluga cams. METRO

CRIME

Murder charge laid after body found

The Pritchard Avenue house where a body was found on July 20. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Winnipeg police have a suspect in custody in connection to the killing of a man found dead inside a North End home after it went up in flames last week.

Investigators found the body of Justin Harvey Chezick, 42, in the home at 676 Pritchard Ave. after crews put out a fire at the single-storey home around 7:30 a.m. on July 20.

Police haven't said whether Chezick was killed before the fire started.

Police said Tuesday homicide detectives had identified a suspect, but after attempts to locate him were unsuccessful, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

On Monday, 19-year-old Romeo Ryle turned himself in to police.

He is charged with second-degree murder and arson. METRO

MORE LOCAL NEWS ONLINE

IN BRIEF

Pair charged after string of commercial robberies

Police have a man and woman in custody in connection with a rash of robberies at gas bars and convenience stores across the city dating back to June.

The arrests come after two thieves stole a large quantity of cigarettes from a convenience store in the 300 block of Henderson Highway early Monday.

Witnesses who saw the suspects fleeing flagged down passing police officers, who were able arrests the suspects without incident.

Police believe one of the suspects is responsible for 10 similar robberies since June 10.

Jason David Pyper, 39, is charged with 11 counts of robbery, 11 counts of disguise with intent, two counts of possessing a weapon and two counts of mischief.

Samantha Darlene Desmarais, 24, is charged with robbery and disguise with intent. Both have been detained in custody. METRO

A pipeline rupture near Otterburne in 2014. TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD/FLICKR

Crack blamed for pipeline explosion

TRANSCANADA

Pre-existing defect led to Otterburne incident: Report

The Transportation Safety Board says a natural gas pipeline that exploded in Manitoba last year had a crack that formed at the time of its construction more than 50 years ago.

The federal agency launched an investigation after a TransCanada pipeline near the community of Otterburne ruptured on Jan. 25, 2014, allowing natural gas to escape and burn for 12 hours.

Five homes were evacuated in the area, located about 50 kilometres south of Winnipeg, but no injuries were reported.

The safety board says Line 400-1 ruptured due to a fracture that occurred at a pre-existing crack that had remained stable since its construction.

The board says the crack was likely due to an inadequate welding procedure and poor welding quality at a time when there was no requirement that every weld be inspected.

In its report, the board says the fracture was caused by incremental stresses to the pipeline, which it attributes to factors including record low temperatures and weakened soil support in the area.

TransCanada says its current welding and testing processes are designed to locate small cracks like the one that led to this incident.

"After the incident we thoroughly inspected the pipeline and related infrastructure, including a physical inspection of all similar welds, to ensure it could be returned to service safely." said Davis Sheremata of TransCanada. "We share the TSB's emphasis on pipeline safety, and continue to incorporate safety measures into our system and enhance our maintenance and inspection programs in our natural gas network.

"I want to note that the TSB investigation did not identify any additional actions or recommendations for TransCanada." THE CANADIAN PRESS

INFRASTRUCTURE

Improvements due for ports of entry

The federal government has announced it will spend $25 million to improve infrastructure at the Boissevain, Cartwright, Lena and Crystal City ports of entry in Manitoba.

The money is part of the $440 million in infrastructure funding announced last November to replace aging ports of entry across Canada.

Construction work is planned to begin as early as 2017.

The government says in a news release that the infrastructure improvements will help meet demands for more space and will ensure that smaller ports of entry deliver "service excellence" to those crossing the border.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney calls it a demonstration of the government's "ongoing commitment to the safety and prosperity of our country."

The money will be spent on improvements to structural, mechanical and electrical systems at the crossings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tornado lasted up to three hours: Environment Canada

WEATHER

Farms take brunt of storm, no injuries reported

Officials were tallying damage Tuesday from a tornado that hit rural areas of southwestern Manitoba and lasted up to what Environment Canada called an "incredible" three hours.

Video and photos taken by storm chasers showed a wide-based, wedge-shaped tornado near the community of Tilston, as well as a multiple-vortex system swirling through nearby farmland just as the sun was setting Monday night.

At the centre of it all was Fred Raynor, a farmer near Tilston who was in his house and sent his family, including two grandchildren, downstairs to the cellar as the storm approached.

"I stayed upstairs just because I always tell them, 'If something is going to happen to me, I want to see it happen,'" he said.

"There were chunks of trees and debris just flying everywhere. Some of it was going clockwise, some of it was going counter-clockwise, all at once."

Trees were uprooted and fell on the roof, and the house began to rattle.

"I was sitting on a chair at the (kitchen) table and you could feel the whole house shaking."

Some 50 kilometres away, Jeff McConnell, the mayor of Virden, was watching the storm approach. He posted a message on Twitter to tell his town's residents to take cover and went to his basement. He kept an eye on social media and hoped the tornado would lift.

"What I was thinking was 'OK, this thing is going to die out,' but ... as the storm was tracking to the north (toward Virden), 'It's not dying out,'" he said.

"When you consider the size of the storm and nobody was hurt, that tells me that either we were all very lucky, or people were all paying attention to the warnings."

The tornado didn't hit Virden, but the town was whipped by strong winds and heavy rain that lasted for hours.

Back in Tilston, Raynor was relieved when the storm passed. He spent Tuesday assessing property damage. Sheds and other structures were severly damaged, and his home's roof was in need of repair. But his family was unhurt.

Initial reports across the region indicated damage was limited mostly to farm outbuildings. Images on social media showed toppled grain bins and chunks of asphalt lifted from a rural road.

There were no reports of injuries.

"It seemed to have hit a lot of open fields and it didn't hit a town or a city," Environment Canada meteorologist Terri Lang said.

Fred Faucher, who lives near Virden, said the storm damaged buildings on his property as it swirled through the area.

"My shed, the roof is gone. It's twisted all around the yard. It's in the field. And my maple trees are down and I've got siding missing on my house," Faucher told Brandon radio station CKLQ.

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According to a 30-year tally by Environment Canada, 62 twisters form across the country every year. Of those twisters, about two-thirds of them form inside one of the Prairie provinces.

The funnel cloud starts to become a full-fledged tornado. SEAN SCHOFER/TVN WEATHER

A photo of the tornado near Pierson, Man., Monday night. SEAN SCHOFER/TVN WEATHER

Manitoba Hydro crews lay new poles near the tornado's damage path Tuesday afternoon near Tilston, Man. CHRIS SCOTT/TWITTER

FACTS AND FIGURES

Twisters not uncommon

Tornadoes are not uncommon in the Prairie provinces. A 30-year tally by Environment Canada shows there are about 62 twisters across the country every year — about two-thirds of them on the Prairies. While they appear formidable and can present a danger, most have wind speeds on the lower end of the scale and hit unpopulated areas.

What was unusual about Monday night's tornado was its duration. Usually, tornadoes touch down for a few minutes, but this one — at least by witness accounts — appears to have stayed on the ground for three hours.

"We generally don't see them last that long," said Terri Lang of Environment Canada. She added Environment Canada workers were looking at the damage Tuesday to assess the strength of the tornado.

Two tornadoes that proved fatal on the Prairies were in the middle or upper end of the five-category Fujita classification system.

An F4 twister that ripped through the eastern part of Edmonton and neighbouring Strathcona County on July 31, 1987, killed 27 people and injured hundreds.

On July 14, 2000, 12 people were killed when an F3 tornado struck a campground at Pine Lake in central Alberta.

An F5 tornado that hit the town of Elie, Man., on June 22, 2007, did not kill or injure anyone, but it levelled several houses and swept one clean off its foundation.

Monday's storm was also felt in Saskatchewan. Regina was deluged with 73 millimetres of rain, which caused localized flash flooding in some streets.

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Canadian Forces officer faces sex-related charges

CANADIAN FORCES

Commander accused of offences against cadets

The commander of one of the country's most famous infantry battalions faces serious, sex-related charges, less than a week after the country's new defence chief pledged to eradicate sexual misconduct in the military.

Lt.-Col. Mason Stalker of the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has been charged with 10 offences including sexual assault, sexual exploitation and breach of trust. The charges relate to a series of incidents involving military cadets that are alleged to have occurred in Edmonton between 1998 and 2007.

"These are serious and significant charges under the Criminal Code of Canada," said Lt.-Col. Francis Bolduc, commanding officer of the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service.

"Regardless of a member's rank and role in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service works diligently and independently from the Canadian Armed Forces chain of command to protect individuals from those who violate the law."

Last week, Gen. Jonathan Vance, the chief of defence staff, laid out changes to how the military handles sexual misconduct complaints. In a letter sent to all members of the Canadian Forces, Vance likened the approach to a formal military operation, calling it Operation Honour.

"I lament the fact that there exist within our ranks those that would bully, degrade or assault others, especially another member of the CAF or a member of the defence team," Vance wrote in his July 23 letter. Vance's pronouncements came after former Supreme Court justice Marie Deschamps issued a report that found sexual misconduct "endemic" in the military, and tolerated by the highest ranks.

> **These are serious and significant charges.**
> Lt.-Col. Francis Bloduc

Deschamps' April report laid the blame on a pervasive macho culture in which the leadership tolerates abuse and leaves women fearful to report it.

But only two of her 10 recommendations for fighting the problem were accepted outright by then-chief of defence staff Gen. Tom Lawson.

When Vance took over as the top-ranked officer earlier this month, he changed the tone, saying he assumed responsibility for what he termed the "institutional failure" of the armed forces to address sexual misconduct.

Stalker, 40, is charged with three counts of sexual assault, four counts of sexual exploitation and one count each of sexual interference, invitation to sexual touching and breach of trust by a public officer.

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Lt.-Col. Mason Stalker, left, and Gov.-Gen. and Commander-in-Chief of Canada David Johnston in Ottawa in November 2012. MCPL DANY VEILLETTE

ALBERTA

2 jailed in massive fraud

A judge who sentenced two men in one of the largest Ponzi schemes in Canadian history on Tuesday said they were motivated by pure greed with little thought to their thousands of victims.

Gary Sorenson, 71, and Milowe Brost, 61, were given 12 years in prison for an elaborate, multimillion-dollar fraud in which investors were promised unrealistic returns. The two received eight months of credit for time spent in custody.

Brost was also found guilty of money laundering and received a separate, but concurrent, sentence.

"The crimes committed by these two offenders are two of the biggest frauds in Canadian history," Queen's Bench Justice Robert Hall said in a Calgary courtroom.

"They were motivated in my mind by greed with no regard to the effect on the many, many investors they defrauded," he added.

"The loss of these large sums of money has had a devastating impact on the victims."

The court said more than 2,400 investors from around the world lost up to $200 million. Police have estimated the figure could be as high as $400 million. Many people lost their life savings.

The court received 600 victim impact statements before a sentencing hearing last month.

Hall said some of the victims were left homeless, contemplated suicide and "suffered shame, embarrassment and rejection by friends and family."Some now view the world through a lens of suspicion and mistrust."

Aggravating factors included the length and complexity of the fraud, the impact on the victims, the amount of money involved and what Hall called pure greed.

Ponzi schemes involve taking funds from new investors and using them to pay old ones.

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CRIME

'We may be dealing with a serial predator': RCMP

Police have identified the remains found on a rural property near Leduc, Alta. in April as those of Corrie Renee Ottenbreit, an Edmonton woman who went missing more than 10 years ago.

RCMP confirmed the remains found April 19 belonged to Delores Brower, who was last seen May 15, 2004. Some of those remains have now been identified as belonging to 27-year-old Ottenbreit, a sex-trade worker who went missing on May 9, 2004, just one week before Brower.

Police were able to confirm Ottenbreit's identity through a hair sample she provided on Dec. 13, 2003 to the Project KARE street team, an RCMP initiative established in 2003 that works with vulnerable people in Alberta to minimize their risk of harm.

Ottenbreit's death is considered a homicide.

"This is a very difficult time for the Ottenbreit family and our thoughts are with them today," RCMP Serious Crimes Branch Insp. Stacey Talbot said Tuesday. "Sadly, they now know where Corrie is and now we need the public's help in finding out what happened to her."

The area where Ottenbreit and Brower's remains were found is within an eight-kilometre radius of the discovery of human remains belonging to two other women living high-risk lifestyles before their deaths.

Katie Sylvia Ballantyne went missing on April 28, 2003. Her remains were found in the area on July 2, 2003. Amber Tuccaro went missing on Aug. 18, 2010 and her remains were also found in that area on Sept.1, 2012.

Insp. Talbot said police continue to investigate the deaths, and are asking for the public's help with any information related to the missing women. No suspects have been named.

"With the close proximities of these deaths, it is a possibility … that it could be one person committing these offences on a number of individuals," she said. "We may be dealing with a serial predator."

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BACKGROUND

Police are urging anyone with information about Ottenbreit's disappearance or death to contact them at 1-877-412-KARE (5273) or the Edmonton Police Service at 780-423-4567.

Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Victim Carole Knopp. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ISTANBUL

Conflict rises in Turkey

Fighting between the Turkish military and Kurdish rebels escalated Tuesday amid signs of unease from NATO allies attending an emergency meeting about Turkey's conflicts with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, and the Kurds.

On a violent day, Turkish fighter jets pounded rebels from the Kurdistan Workers Party after soldiers were fired on with heavy weaponry in Sirnak province, according to a military statement. Turkish soldiers also came under attack in two other incidents.

Meanwhile, NATO allies met in a rare emergency meeting at Turkey's request and proclaimed "strong solidarity" with the country's fight against ISIL.

The spike in violence in recent days has prompted concerns that a peace process between Turkey and Kurdish rebels is falling beyond repair. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Australian police find lead in missing girl case

British police investigating the 2007 disappearance of Madeleine McCann say they have been in touch with Australian authorities about the discovery of the body of a young girl in a suitcase there.

Australian officials say there is no evidence the badly decomposed remains of a young girl are related to the McCann case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cecil, the much-loved Zimbabwean lion, was killed by American tourist Walter Palmer on a hunt using a bow and arrow, according to the Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force charity. Zimbabwean authorities say the lion was tempted outside the park using bait, then shot earlier this month. Palmer claims he was misled by professional guides into believing the hunt was legal. AFP

Lion killer says he believed hunt legal

ZIMBABWE

Dentist blames local guides for death of protected cat

An avid Minnesota hunter accused of illegally killing a protected lion in Zimbabwe said Tuesday that he thought everything about his trip was legal and wasn't aware of the animal's status "until the end of the hunt."

Walter Palmer, who has a felony record in the U.S. related to shooting a black bear in Wisconsin, released his statement through a public relations firm after being identified by officials as the American involved in the hunt. Authorities in Zimbabwe say Palmer is being sought on poaching charges, but Palmer said he hasn't heard from U.S. or Zimbabwean authorities.

The death of Cecil, a well-known and protected lion, outraged animal conservationists and others.

"I had no idea that the lion I took was a known, local favourite, was collared and part of a study until the end of the hunt. I relied on the expertise of my local professional guides to ensure a legal hunt," said Palmer, a dentist who lives in the Minneapolis suburb of Eden Prairie.

Palmer's whereabouts were unknown Tuesday. No one answered the door at his home, and a woman who came out of his dental office in nearby Bloomington said he wasn't there or taking patients Tuesday. Phone calls to listed home numbers went unanswered.

Local authorities allege the lion was lured from a protected area and killed in early July. Zimbabwean conservationists said the American allegedly paid $50,000 for the trip.

According to U.S. court records, Palmer pleaded guilty in 2008 to making false statements to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about a black bear he fatally shot in western Wisconsin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SENTENCING HEARING

Woman guilty in inmates' escape

A U.S. prison worker pleaded guilty Tuesday to smuggling hacksaw blades in frozen hamburger meat to two killers who later broke out in a brazen, elaborate escape that captured the world's attention for more than two weeks.

Joyce Mitchell, a tailor shop instructor at Clinton Correctional Facility in northern New York state, was jailed shortly after the intricately staged June 6 escape of Richard Matt and David Sweat. Matt was shot and killed by searchers June 26, about 30 miles west of the prison. Sweat was captured near the Canadian border two days later and sent to another prison.

Mitchell, 51, faces a sentence of between 2-1/2 and seven years in prison under terms of a plea deal with prosecutors. Sentencing is set for Sept. 28. Her lawyer said his client won't be able to post the bail set by the judge at $100,000 cash or $200,000 bond.

Corrections officials said Tuesday that Mitchell, who was arrested June 12, resigned from her job about two weeks later.

She admitted providing hacksaw blades, chisels, a punch tool and a screwdriver to Matt. Authorities say she became close to the pair, and agreed to be their getaway driver, but she backed out at the last moment.

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Scientists and tech experts, including Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, warned Tuesday of a global arms race with weapons using artificial intelligence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Tech experts warning of killer robots

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Hawking and Wozniak lead charge to stop new arms race

Scientists and tech experts — including professor Stephen Hawking and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak — warned Tuesday of a global arms race with weapons using artificial intelligence.

In an open letter with hundreds of signatories, the experts argued that if any major military power pushes ahead with development of autonomous weapons, "a global arms race is virtually inevitable, and the endpoint of this technological trajectory is obvious: autonomous weapons will become the Kalashnikovs of tomorrow."

Some people have argued in favour of robots on the battlefield, saying their use could save lives. Such weapons are still years away. But the scientists warned that, unlike nuclear weapons, once they are developed they will require no costly or hard-to-obtain raw materials — making it possible to mass-produce them.

"It will only be a matter of time until they appear on the black market and in the hands of terrorists, dictators wishing to better control their populace, warlords wishing to perpetrate ethnic cleansing, etc.," the letter said.

Those signing the letter included Elon Musk, Tesla Motors CEO; Demis Hassabis, who founded Google DeepMind; and Noam Chomsky, an emeritus professor at MIT.

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IN BRIEF

WestJet profit up
WestJet earned a second-quarter profit of $61.6 million, up from $51.8 million, as it cut costs and improved revenue. The Calgary-based airline says the profit amounted to 49 cents per diluted share, compared to a profit of 40 cents a year ago.
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COMPUTING

Microsoft giving Windows 10 for free

Microsoft's new Windows 10 operating system debuts Wednesday, as the longtime leader in PC software hopes that giving the upgrade away for free will help it carve out a new role in a world where people increasingly rely on smartphones, tablets and information stored online.

The company, which wants to get the new software on as many devices as possible, is counting on tens or even hundreds of millions of people to download its latest release in the coming months. Many people will also get Windows 10 as part of new PCs.

Windows 10 is coming to PCs and tablets first, but it's also designed to run phones, game consoles and even holographic headsets. It has new features, a streamlined Web browser called Edge and a desktop version of Cortana, the online assistant that is Microsoft's answer to Google Now and Apple's Siri.

LOG IN

No more passwords
Windows 10 lets users log in with their face, iris or thumbprint, instead of remembering passwords, though this works only with the right hardware.

Still, the company insists Windows 10 will seem familiar to users of Windows 7, the six-year-old operating system still running on most PCs. Microsoft and PC makers want to erase the memory of the last big update, 2012's Windows 8, which alienated many with its unwieldy design. Microsoft skipped the name Windows 9, as if to distance itself further from the last release.

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the big question

Is the 'gig economy' a myth?

Much has been made of the rise of freelance and contract work that's seen many scraping together a living from multiple, insecure sources. But recent research suggests the 'Uber economy' may not be all it's cracked up to be. In fact, fewer Americans are self-employed or hold multiple jobs than just 10 years ago. People who would be working multiple jobs are taking advantage of tech-sector opportunities. But if companies — especially low-overhead, web-based ones like Etsy and Airbnb — prove piecemeal work is profitable, other businesses could imitate them. And then a trend that has been mostly confined to discussion boards and think-pieces could make an appearance in real life.

SOURCE: SLATE

How not to think about a very scary climate study

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

Communication between the scientific and non-scientific worlds often resembles two people shouting over a vast river, each straining to hear the other's garbled shouts.

On Thursday, regular people got a particularly inscrutable dispatch from those way over on the scientific side: A long and complex paper, from the climate scientist and NASA veteran James Hansen, that makes some pretty extreme projections about the rise in global sea levels.

Hansen and his co-authors paint the future as significantly scarier even than the International Panel on Climate change's worst-case scenario, which estimates global sea-level rise at just shy of a metre by the year 2100 if we continue emitting as we have been. Hansen suggests not only that a one-metre rise could happen much earlier but that, if we continue on our current fuel-burning path through 2100, sea levels will rise by between five and nine metres, heights he thinks weren't seen since about 115,000 to 130,000 years ago, when Neanderthals roamed Europe and our Homo sapiens ancestors were still knocking rocks together in Africa.

If the Hansen-report scenario comes to pass, New York City and Bangladesh would be swallowed up.

Pondering all this on the layman's riverbank, I was faced with reasons to doubt the paper. First of all, it's terrifying. Secondly, I was suspicious that something important had been lost in transmission. It was time to run some telephone cable under the river, and find out how to think about Hansen's study as a scientist would.

So I called Canadian climate experts and ran Hansen's findings by them. That's when I found a reason for skepticism: The paper was published in an open-access journal anyone can give feedback to. It hasn't been through the process of expert peer review yet. Open review may seem like a scientific free-for-all, says Karen Kohfeld, a Canada Research Chair in climate, but done right, it can actually improve transparency and get more eyes on the work.

This is what Carleton University scientist John Stone told me when I asked him why earlier estimates might be less apocalyptic than Hansen's: "Our understanding of glacier (and) ice-sheet physics has evolved rapidly and produced several surprises ... these advances, unfortunately, imply a sea-level rise that is much faster than previously estimated."

Skeptics like to interpret the fact that experts disagree about precisely the scale and timing of the earth's warming to mean we can't be sure it's warming at all.

But if you think that way, you're not thinking like a scientist. Climate systems are extremely complex, and we can only talk about the future in terms of risk, says Gordon McBean, chair of the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences.

"What Hansen is talking about is a possibility," he told me — but it's one of many.

Such vagueness is enough to make a person want to give up and say it's too late — that there's no point trying to reduce emissions. We'll just have to adapt. But that's like saying you've had so many sunburns, there's no point trying to stop skin cancer and you'll take chemotherapy.

The way we're going, we'd be lucky to get off with a one-metre sea level rise. Even then, in Kohfeld's words, "We're going to see a world we've not experienced before."

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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We police voices of all those we deem to be improper in society

It's my great pleasure today to disagree with both Naomi Wolf and her critics.

This whole vocal-fry thing is not about holding women down.

Or rather, it's about so much more.

Last week Wolf penned a misguided address to young women in North America and Britain: To be successful, she wrote, we must change our voices.

No more uptalk (adding a question-mark sound to a statement). No more "like." No more "breathiness" or run-on sentences. And no more vocal fry (the staccato distortion that sounds like an idling motor).

That last one has had a popular year. This American Life did a show on it, prompted by piles of hate-mail from listeners who can't stand to hear women reporters.

Wolf argued in the Guardian, rather incoherently, that women should not be judged by how they sound, but since they are — and since it may be ruining their careers (a modern woman's most sacred possession) — women should try to sound better.

She even argued that young women put on wispy voices out of insecurity, and if they only use their "own voices," then "huge, good changes follow."

Asking women to change is very un-feminist thinking from a popular feminist, Wolf's critics have pointed out .

I agree. Except they, too, are missing the point.

The policing of voices isn't a feminist issue. It's a general, equal-opportunity tool of oppression.

It's done to all sections of society deemed improper, either by way of gender, class or race.

In the U.K. — a linguistic buffet — class and the posh, "proper" English accent has long dictated the BBC's sound. It's more diverse these days, but just last year, a viewer deemed one BBC reporter's northern English accent a "terrible affliction."

In America, it's a matter of race. Writing for NPR earlier this year, Chenjerai Kumanyika discussed making his voice sound less black for radio.

There is an accepted way to speak with authority. It involves a relatively low register, no immigrant accent and no slang. It sounds very male, very white and very upper class. All must rise to it, or be silent.

I'm not above its allure. I've secretly criticized women's voices and wondered why some speak so softly.

But sexism, racism and classism are no excuse for tuning out others. Maybe once our media sounds as diverse as our streets, we'll stop thinking that authority sounds like a white man.

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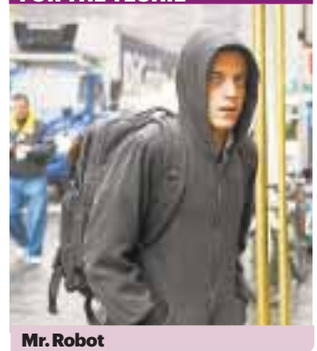

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Summer television must-sees

BEAT THE HEAT

Take a break from the sun and discover these shows

Brian Gasparek
For Metro

If you're ignoring summer TV because you think it's just a boring desert wasteland full of old reruns and repetitive reality shows, we're sorry to break it to you, but you're totally missing out!

In addition to the return of some TV favourites, the summer of 2015 has produced a handful of brand spankin' new shows that are actually worth checking out ... you know, when you need a break from those patio drinks in the sun.

Here's a look at the five best new TV shows that you should be watching this summer. Trust us, they will happily tide you over until the fall.

Sense8

There's a good chance you've already heard the buzz, but if you haven't actually watched the Wachowski siblings' Netflix series Sense8 yet, start now.

The show is captivatingly weird. It follows the story of eight strangers that are linked together as one self, tracing the events of a tragic death. They share the same knowledge, memories, and abilities. It's far out and addictive. And the best part is that the entire first season is available to binge watch right now. You won't regret it.

Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp

Netflix is about to release the entire series of Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp and it's pretty damn hilarious.

The series is the prequel to the cult comedy film Wet Hot American Summer. It features an all-star cast of Paul Rudd, Amy Poehler, Bradley Cooper, Elizabeth Banks, Janeane Garofalo and Molly Shannon all reprising their film roles, plus some sweet cameos that you can't miss.

If you're aching for light, goofy comedy, get your stream on.

Mr. Robot

Mr. Robot is about a young outcast cyber-security engineer named Elliot who is actually a vigilante hacker by night.

He uses his hacking skills to illegally bring society's scumbags (pedophiles, cheaters and sleazy executives) to justice.

He gets too deep into a murky conspiracy plan with a mysterious social-anarchist leader named Mr. Robot (Christian Slater) who wants to bring down the corporation that Elliot works for with his followers.

It's kind of like a cyberpunk, hacker version of Dexter.

You'll like it.

Humans

If you're looking for a solid dose of new science fiction this summer, the Brit series Humans is a must see. The show explores the societal relationship between human beings and their uncannily human-like helper androids called synths (the latest must-have technology for busy families.)

The show focuses on the emotional consequences of creating human-like artificial intelligence that may or may not actually have feelings. Classic science fiction nuts will love it.

UnREAL

Ridiculous title spelling aside, UnREAL is a must-see.

The dark comedy, which premiered last month, features Shiri Appleby as an unstable and morally conflicted producer working on a salacious, soul-sucking Bachelor-esque reality show.

It's a terrific spoof on how twisted the creation of that kind of insufferable reality TV must really be.

Q&A

The latest in a long line of Rusty Griswolds

With Vacation, Ed Helms becomes the fifth actor to play Rusty Griswold, the son of Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) from the National Lampoon film series. Luckily for Helms, having a different actor in the role for every movie meant he could do whatever he wanted.

I went into this wondering which version of Rusty you were supposed to be playing ... It's all of them! And I think the writers just made such a great joke to get that across. But all of them and none of them, in a weird way. I really looked at this as a blank slate. I loved all those Rusty performances and I'm proud to be next in a long line of Rustys, but I didn't feel beholden to any previous performances — especially with the age gap.

So how did you envision this guy? I see Rusty as a kind of aspirational character for me. He is relentlessly hopeful and optimistic, incredibly kind-hearted and he wants the best for his family. But what makes Rusty complex and hopefully more funny is that he also is repressed and in denial about some things.

He's always trying to make the best of a terrible situation. Exactly. When he rents the Tartan Prancer, that would bum out anybody. But Rusty spins it in his own mind and convinces himself that it's awesome. He's making the best of things to a psychotic degree.

So, it turns out Chris Hemsworth has amazing comic chops as well. Does that just make you angry at the universe? Absolutely. Not fair, right? I mean, I've been working my whole life to have some comedy chops, and here comes this guy who just effortlessly crushes it.

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Ed Helms play the grown-up version of Rusty Griswold in Vacation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROKEN PROMISE — AN EXCERPT IN FOUR PARTS BY LINWOOD BARCLAY

BILL TAYLOR

PART 3 OF 4

Something dark has infected Promise Falls
Bestselling thriller author Linwood Barclay returns this month with Broken Promise (Doubleday, July 28, $22.95) the first book in an explosive new trilogy.

After the discovery of a bizarre squirrel massacre by the town's former mayor in yesterday's excerpt, we return to David who visits his cousin Marla and is startled to find her caring for a baby just 10 months after her miscarriage.

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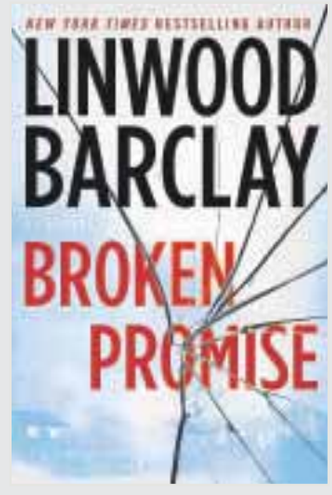

"Marla, I'm serious. You need to talk to me here," I said. "Where did you get this baby?"

"I should put him down for a nap," she said, cradling Matthew in her arms.

"Who else knows about Matthew?" I asked. "Does Aunt Agnes — does your mother know?"

"I haven't told her the good news yet. It's all happened pretty quickly. Yesterday afternoon, around the time Dr. Phil comes on, the doorbell rang."

"Who was it?"

A weak smile. "I told you. The angel. Well, okay, not a real angel, but she was dressed all in white."

"Was she the mother?"

Marla looked at me sharply. "I'm the mother now."

"Okay," I said. "Was she injured? Did you see any blood? Was there blood on her hand? Did she say who she was?"

Marla shook her head slowly. "You know I'm not good with faces, David. And she was in a hurry." Her voice drifted off. She put Matthew in the middle of the bed and surrounded him with pillows, creating a kind of berm around him.

"Until I get a crib, I have to do this. I don't want him rolling off the bed and hitting the floor. Would you be able to help me with that? Getting a crib?

"There are a few things we need to sort out first," I said.

I wondered whether she was on medication, whether that would explain her apparent detachment from reality. If she'd been seeing a psychiatrist since losing her baby, and been prescribed anything to deal with depression or anxiety, I wasn't aware of it.

Maybe she wasn't on anything, and this was just the way she'd been since giving birth to a lifeless child. Dad had more or less nailed it, in his own tactless way, when he said she'd gone "a bit crackers."

Marla's mother, Agnes, and their family physician, a doctor named Sturgess, if I remembered right, had been at her side. Mom had talked about their sense of horror when they realized something was wrong. How Marla had been able to hold the child, briefly, before it had to be taken away.

How it had been a girl.

"Such a sad, sad thing," Mom said whenever her niece crossed her mind. "It did something to her. Something just snapped."

In tomorrow's excerpt: David's concern about Marla and the baby rises as he finds more bloody smudges

PLAYING POLITICS

Jon Stewart advised Obama

With Jon Stewart at the helm, The Daily Show had a strong track record of taking solid swings at the hypocrisy of the government. But a new Politico story reveals just how much the government was listening.

On two separate occasions, the Obama White House invited Stewart in for private meetings with the president to discuss policy. In 2011, he went to discuss budget difficulties, and then he returned in 2014 to discuss what was happening with Russia and Ukraine.

Politico spoke to politicians on both sides of the aisle to discuss Stewart's influence over the years, with both indicating that he got in his share of hits on them — though some, of course, claimed not to care: Senator James Inhofe said, "I've never seen him." Do we believe him? LISA WEIDENFELD/ METRO NEW YORK

Jon Stewart
GETTY IMAGES

THE PARK IS OPEN

Jurassic World has a gay porn parody

metroGOSSIP MUST READ

How could you possibly improve on Jurassic World, the summer's biggest movie?

How about with a cheaply made Thai gay porn adaptation titled, simply, Jurassic Porn and featuring guys in what I guess are supposed to be dinosaur suits?

If the amazing trailer is any indication, it will be a bizarre, cross-cutting mix of Scooby Doo-like comic antics and hard-core all-male three-ways. As they say, "the hunting will be happening."

Oh and, "the exciting between human and dinosaur" does sound pretty, um, exciting.

Wonder what Chris Pratt would think.

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A scene from the gay porn adaptation of Jurassic World that aims to give hunky Chris Pratt some competition. CONTRIBUTED

GOSSIP NOTES

Hulk Hogan not just racist
If you were still planning on giving Hulk Hogan a pass following the leaked audio of him going on a racist, N-word-filled tirade, that might have just become a tad harder. The same covert audio features Hogan discussing his shock at learning that a gay man now lives in his childhood home, which he visited for an episode of Hogan Knows Best, his VH1 reality show. I wonder which group he'll lambaste next to make it a hat trick. NED EHRBAR/ METRO HOLLYWOOD

Pal defends Sandler
You might find this hard to believe, but one of Adam Sandler's most frequent collaborators thinks people need to ease off on the Pixels star. Director Dennis Dugan can't believe the drubbing Sandler has been getting over his latest work. "How f—ing dare anybody say that he's a s—ty (entertainer)," Dugan tells the Hollywood Reporter, adding this most truthful statement ever: "I don't give a f— what (critics) think." I mean, imagine if he did? NED EHRBAR/ METRO HOLLYWOOD

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Updated RDX smooth as butter

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THE CHECKLIST | 2016 ACURA RDX

THE BASICS

Type. Compact-midsize, five-door, AWD, luxury crossover
Power. 279-hp 3.5-litre V6
Transmission. 6-speed automatic
Price. Base $41,690 (plus destination)

NOTABLE FEATURES

- Engine shuts down three cylinders under light loads
- Impressive suite of standard AcuraWatch safety and driver-assist systems
- Full-time AWD system always sends torque to rear wheels, for sportier feel

POINTS

- More luxury and features added for major mid-cycle revision for model year 2016
- Adopts Acura's new two-screen infotainment system
- Very roomy, with quiet and refined road manners

MARKET POSITION

- Smaller sibling to Acura's MDX luxury crossover, with essentially same premium V6
- One level up of luxury and premium brand cache than offered by mainstream nameplates
- Currently Canada's bestselling compact/midsize luxury crossover

THE COMPETITION

Audi Q5
Base price: $43,490

Infiniti QX50
Base price: $34,950

Lincoln MKC
Base price: $37,511

REVIEW

What it lacks in panache it makes up for in class and competence

Mike Goetz
Metro | Canada

Acura first introduced its compact crossover, RDX, for model year 2006. That version featured one of Honda's rare turbocharged engines — one of the elements that contributed to making the RDX quite sporty, but also agreeably unrefined, like a fine athlete that flunked finishing school.

While this gave RDX a distinct personality, Acura soon saw it had greater sales potential if it were more mainstream. So the next-generation version introduced for model year 2013 featured a smooth 3.5-litre V6, smooth styling, and a larger and roomier interior. Net result: It became, and still is, Canada's top-selling compact luxury crossover.

The major "mid-cycle" update it received for model year 2016 follows the same plot lines, but with more safety and luxury features.

For example, all RDX models now include a new information screen in the gauge cluster, and Acura's impressive AcuraWatch safety technologies, which include adaptive cruise, lane keeping assist and lane departure warning, and multi-angle rear-view camera.

The Technology Package now gives you heated rear seats, remote starter, eight-inch infotainment screen with navigation, and power folding mirrors. You have to move up trim lines to get other new stuff, such as 18-inch wheels and ventilated front seats.

Now with two screens you can keep track of navigation results and all your infotainment options without switching back and forth, but this does add complexity and create a busy interface. Not for some, fine for others.

The new LED headlights and taillights are the most notable new-for-2016 exterior design updates, and are effective in freshening and modernizing what is more or less a generic-looking crossover shape.

This generation RDX features "just average" driving excitement and handling, but there is a lot of satisfaction to be had from modulating the very refined and powerful V6. A lot of RDX rivals feature 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbos as their base powerplants. The V6 also seems to be in its sweet spot and is hard to fault in any category. It automatically shuts down three cylinders under light load to help it achieve reasonable fuel economy, although it does require premium gas.

Lots of back seat and cargo room for this size of vehicle, and the seats flip and fold easily. While ostensibly a "premium" brand, Acura seems to keep things relatively restrained. The RDX, at least, doesn't scream luxury so much so as speak it in a low, calm voice.

DRIVING FORCE

Queasy street: Self-driving vehicles may make drivers carsick

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

Drivers seldom suffer from motion sickness, but passengers often do, which could potentially create issues for autonomous vehicles. Since the driver will only be "along for the ride" much of the time, there's a good chance he or she could become queasy as well.

"The ability to be productive in self-driving vehicles is touted as one of their advantages," says Michael Sivak, co-author of a study on motion sickness at the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute.

"However, to be productive, one needs to be engaged in activities known to increase the probability of motion sickness, such as working on your laptop, texting and reading."

Motion sickness is caused by a conflict between what you're seeing, and how your inner ear thinks you're moving as it works to keep your balance. Passengers tend to have a harder time because they're usually not able to anticipate the car's motion, and they're not in control of where they're going.

Visibility is an issue, Sivak says, and the study found that people are more likely to get carsick if the windows are small, or darkened enough that it's difficult to see through them.

"What matters is the visibility from the car, and thus the size of the windows," he says. "Current windows would be okay. The concern is that manufacturers (of self-driving cars) are thinking about reducing the current size, or reducing their transmissivity."

How people sit in self-driving cars may also make a difference, since some experimental designs allow the front seats to spin around so their occupants can face people in the rear seats. The study found that motion sickness tends to get worse if the person is facing backwards or sideways in the vehicle.

But possibly the most important factor is what the driver will be doing when he or she isn't actually steering and driving. If something further upsets the balance of where the person is looking and how the body perceives motion, the problem can get much worse, such as in people who primarily get sick when they read in the car. The study found that drivers and passengers are least likely to experience nausea if they are lying down, or if their eyes are closed.

23%

The study also found that 23 per cent of Americans polled would not ride in a self-driving car.

In addition to the vehicle having large, clear windows, some other suggestions for reducing motion sickness when the car is self-driving include having videos or tablets placed so that occupants look straight ahead to see them, rather than looking down; transparent information displays; video screens that move in conjunction with the viewer's head motions; and seats that recline fully flat, but cannot swivel sideways or backwards.

The study also found that carsickness could be reduced if the vehicle has very smooth ride.

A new incentive to go electric

THE GREEN ANGLE
Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

PROGRAM

California looks to make EVs more affordable

Making plug-in hybrids and electric vehicles a lot more affordable to lower-income drivers is the focus of California's new "Plus-Up" program. Considering recent news that prices on used electric cars are on a downward spiral, and with families potentially eligible to receive as much as $12,000 US toward the purchase of a new or used electric car — plus up to $2,000 for a home charging unit — "some households could land an electric vehicle at net-zero cost," notes Green Car Reports. There's a catch, however: To be eligible, buyers must live in one of two problematic air-pollution zones: the South Coast/Greater Los Angeles area, or the San Joaquin Valley.

EPIC ROAD TRIP

14 countries, 1 tank of fuel
Britain's Royal Automobile Club and Audi have set a new Guinness World Record for the most countries driven through on a single tank of fuel.

Auto writer Andrew Frankel and racing driver Rebecca Jackson drove an unmodified Audi A6 TDI Ultra (diesel) in an unbroken drive that began in the Netherlands, wound through Europe and ended in Hungary nearly 28 hours and 1,854 kilometres later.

The last few kilometres were "nail-biting," said trip co-ordinator Simon Williams. "The A6 Ultra's computer was reading 'zero miles' with 16 miles (26 kilometres) to go ... to make it 14 countries."

This feat would not have been possible in North America where most American states are larger than most European countries.

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SECOND GENERATION

GM teases next Chevy Cruze

With more than 3.5 million Cruzes sold in 115 countries since its introduction in 2008, Chevrolet is preparing to roll out its all-new second-generation Cruze, said to be larger yet lighter, more fuel efficient and cleaner burning than the first-gen car, while packing new engines, safety features and technologies. As a global product, the Cruze single-handedly replaced 15 other company GM vehicles around the globe, noted Alan Batey, president of GM North America and global Chevrolet brand chief. The next-generation Cruze hits showrooms in early 2016.

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STUDENT DESIGN

Eco-marathon goes the distance

Energy giant Shell showed a fleet of cars at the recent 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race in France that could complete the world's most famous auto race on just over a litre of fuel, albeit at a much slower pace. It marked the 30th time Shell has hosted the Eco-marathon, which started in France in 1985. This year's entries achieved as many as 3,750 kilometres per litre of gasoline burned (about 0.027 l/100 km). The global competition challenges students to design, build and drive the most efficient vehicles, pushing the boundaries of energy efficiency and mobility on the road.

RENTAL AGENCY

Avis Denmark boosts EV fleet

Nissan and auto rental agency AVIS Denmark have signed a deal to create the largest fleet of Nissan electric vehicles anywhere in Europe, with a new order of 401 Nissan e-NV200 vans and a further 60 units of the full-electric Nissan Leaf midsize sedan, bringing its total EV fleet to 861 vehicles. Courier service DHL in Italy also began using Nissan electric vehicles earlier this year.

The rise and fall of the 'vocho'

CULTURE

In Mexico City, once beloved Beetle car nearly extinct

It was a symbol of the Mexico City landscape, zooming, honking and fuming in the mega-capital's infamously dense traffic.

But the beloved Volkswagen Beetle is nearly extinct, a victim of anti-pollution campaigns.

A few "vochos," as the curvy car is known in Mexico, can still be spotted occasionally in the city's chaotic streets while so-called "Vochomania" clubs of collectors try to keep it alive.

But the once ubiquitous white and green — and later red and gold — Beetle taxis that clogged boulevards are gone from the metropolis, home to 20 million people and four million cars.

"We could have thought about keeping a few in the historic centre to preserve the symbol. But it wasn't meant to be," said Rodrigo Diaz, an urban planning consultant who writes a blog on transport issues.

The unceremonious demise of the vocho is surprising for a country that has had a long love affair with the Beetle.

Instantly popular

The "people's car" born in Germany in the politically charged 1930s arrived in Mexico in 1954, where it became an instant hit.

Mexicans, seeing it as an affordable, easy to fix and a fun ride, scooped up 50,000 Beetles in just one year. It was quickly adopted by taxi drivers and the Volkswagen was given the diminutive nickname, vocho.

"In case of a breakdown, you could replace the fan belt with panty hose," recalled Ricardo, a nostalgic taxi driver.

The car's success prompted Volkswagen to build a plant in the central state of Puebla in 1964. By 1973, a third of cars sold in Mexico were vochos.

During that era, the Beetle became the most produced single model car in history with 15 million vehicles made, overtaking Ford's Model T.

Sheen wears off

But after the era of the oil crisis, the Beetle began to lose its charm. It was suddenly seen as too polluting, too noisy and too uncomfortable.

Its backseat was too hard compared to newer vehicles. Taxi drivers often removed the passenger seat. When the driver hit the brakes too hard, the passenger risked flying through the windshield.

Worse, in the late 1990s, criminals turned the Beetle into a trap for "express" kidnappings and robberies, transforming the "Love Bug" into a villainous vocho.

The Beetle taxis were repainted in white and green in an attempt to refurbish their tarnished image. The colours were later changed to red and gold. But the new body paint was not enough as passengers preferred newer, safer and more comfortable rides.

The last vocho was built in 2003 in Puebla, at the world's last Beetle assembly plant.

Taxi drivers were offered $1,000 to get rid of them. In 2012, there were still 3,500 Beetle taxis, but they were gradually sent to junkyards.

The capital's taxis are now four-door vehicles with a rear trunk, like in most major world cities.

Where they are now

Beetle aficionados can still find a few taxi-vochos but they have to venture into tourist towns such as Taxco, where they are painted red, or Acapulco, where they are white and blue.

"Unlike London with its double-decker buses, San Francisco and Lisbon with their cable cars, or Valparaiso with its funicular, Mexico didn't declare this vehicle a part of its historic heritage," Diaz, the blogger, lamented. "It's a shame."

At least one white and green taxi can still be seen: in a museum in Berlin. It was sent by Mexico City in 2008 as a gift, in a sort of return-to-sender gesture after a 50-year love affair. AFP

BEETLE FEVER

In Uruguay, former president José Mujica declared only one asset in 2010: his 1987 Beetle.

An old Volkswagen Beetle used as a taxi cab sits in a large yard for impounded cars in Mexico City. OMAR TORRES/AFP

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Blue Jays trade for 'best shortstop in baseball'

MLB

Tulowitzki coming to T.O., Reyes dealt to Colorado

Toronto Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos couldn't miss the chance to get one of the top shortstops in baseball, even at the cost of more prospects.

Anthopoulos acquired shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and reliever LaTroy Hawkins in a trade with the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday in exchange for shortstop Jose Reyes, reliever Miguel Castro and minor-league pitchers Jeff Hoffman and Jesus Tinoco.

Troy Tulowitzki THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Castro and Hoffman are considered two of the Blue Jays' top young players but Anthopoulos could not pass up the chance to get Tulowitzki.

"We're getting the best shortstop in baseball in our minds, and those opportunities just don't present themselves," said Anthopoulos.

Talks between the Blue Jays and Rockies began last off-season, with Toronto pursuing Tulowitzki. According to Anthopoulos, Colorado's counter offers always included Hoffman and the deal got done when the Blue Jays agreed to his inclusion late Monday night.

"You always like to keep your prospects if you can but, again, if you have opportunities to get guys that you think are great fits we're obviously willing to do that," said Anthopoulos. "Ideally you hang on to them but you also realize you're not going to get guys for free.

"We don't have a cut-and-dried policy, we'd like to keep as many as we can but that's the cost of acquiring players."

The talented but oft-injured Tulowitzki is a five-time all-star who is hitting .300 with 12 homers and 53 RBIs in 87 games this season. He has spent his entire 10-year MLB career with Colorado.

The 30-year-old Tulowitzki gives Toronto (50-50) another powerful, right-handed bat in a dangerous lineup that already includes Jose Bautista, Josh Donaldson and Edwin Encarnacion.

Toronto's commitment to Tulowitzki is significant, and not just in the assets lost. Tulowitzki is in the second year of a seven-year deal worth a guaranteed $132 million US.

Reyes has four home runs and 34 RBIs with a .285 average in 69 games this year. Toronto him in a 2012 blockbuster trade with the Miami Marlins.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays Shop employee Nico Canavo makes a Troy Tulowitzki jersey in Toronto on Tuesday. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

SO LONG, PAL

Reyes' former Jays teammates tweeted their reactions to the trade:

"One of the toughest things in sports, saying goodbye to a teammate who has become of your family!! @lamelaza-7. #Love."
— Jose Bautista, @JoeyBats19

"Going to miss my boy @lamelaza-7. Once a brother always a brother."
— Josh Donaldson, @BringerOfRain20

Jose Reyes GETTY IMAGES

NFL

Goodell upholds ban on Brady

Tom Brady's four-game suspension for his role in using underinflated footballs during the AFC championship game has been upheld by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

The league announced the decision Tuesday, with Goodell saying that the New England quarterback told an assistant to destroy Brady's cellphone on or just before March 6. Brady met with independent investigator Ted Wells on that day.

Tom Brady GETTY IMAGES

"He did so even though he was aware that the investigators had requested access to text messages and other electronic information that had been stored on that phone," Goodell said in his decision.

"During the four months that the cellphone was in use, Brady had exchanged nearly 10,000 text messages, none of which can now be retrieved from that device."

Calling the appeal process "a sham," Tom Brady's agent, Don Yee, said Goodell "failed to ensure a fair process" in upholding the quarterback's four-game suspension.

Brady acknowledged in his testimony he was aware of investigators' request for information from the cellphone before he had it destroyed, the appeal decision said.

After releasing the report in May, Wells said he had told Brady and Yee he did not need to see his phone and would have accepted a list of communications.

Jimmy Garoppolo is expected to replace Brady in the Pats' lineup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PATRIOTS

For their part in Deflategate, the Patriots were fined $1 million and docked a pair of draft picks. The team didn't appeal its penalty.

MLB

Royals pull trigger on trade for Zobrist

The Kansas City Royals made another big addition for the season's stretch run, acquiring utilityman Ben Zobrist and cash from the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday for right-hander Aaron Brooks and minor-league left-hander Sean Manaea.

The 34-year-old Zobrist, an infielder and outfielder, batted .268 with six home runs, 20 doubles, two triples and 33 RBIs in 67 games for the A's, who are in last place in the AL West after three straight playoff seasons.

Ben Zobrist GETTY IMAGES

He joins a Royals team that leads the AL Central and already dealt for former Cincinnati ace Johnny Cueto on Sunday.

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IN BRIEF

Nats land closer Papelbon

The Washington Nationals have a new closer, landing Jonathan Papelbon from the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Nationals announced the deal Tuesday in Miami, where they opened a series against the Marlins. Papelbon is Philadelphia's career saves leader with 123 and is 17 for 17 in save chances this season.

The Phillies receive Canadian Double-A right-hander Nick Pivetta for Papelbon.

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NHL

Brandon Sutter dealt to Vancouver

The Vancouver Canucks acquired forward Brandon Sutter and a third-round draft pick from the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday.

In exchange, the Canucks sent forward Nick Bonino, defenceman Adam Clendening and a second-round pick in 2016 to Pittsburgh.

The third-round selection acquired by Vancouver will be the earlier pick of two held by Pittsburgh.

"Brandon Sutter is a good two-way player. He's a matchup guy," Canucks general manager Jim Benning said on a conference call. "He brings us speed to the middle of the ice and I think it solidifies our centre ice (position)." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sutter recorded 33 points (21 goals and 12 assists) last season

RECIPE Corn and Israeli Couscous with Halloumi Cheese

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Cook time: 17 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients
- 3 ears corn cobs (husks removed)
- 1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 2 green onions diced
- 1/4 cup chopped basil
- 1/4 cup chopped mint
- 1 cup dry Israeli couscous
- 4 oz Halloumi cheese or provolone sliced lengthwise into 3/4-inch pieces

Dressing
- 3 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp minced jalapeno (with or without seeds)
- Salt and pepper

Directions
1. Grill corn for about five minutes. Cool, then cut off kernels. Place in bowl along with tomatoes, onions, basil and mint.
2. Meanwhile in pot of boiling water, cook couscous for 10 minutes or just until tender. Drain and add to serving bowl.
3. Sauté cheese in skillet sprayed with vegetable oil for about two minutes per side.
4. Combine ingredients for dressing and add to couscous and garnish with warm cheese.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 415
- Protein 18 g
- Carbohydrates 55 g
- Total fat 14.5 g
- Saturated fat 2 g
- Sodium 345 mg

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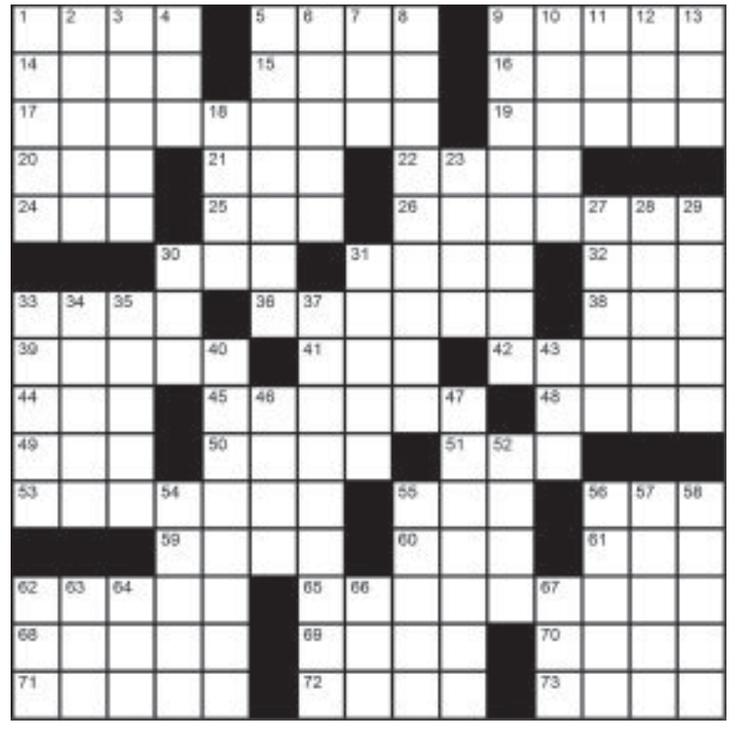

ACROSS
1. __ Broyle, Newfoundland
5. Taxis
9. Taj __
14. Border on
15. Quite often: 2 wds.
16. Pointed arch
17. Montreal university
19. Monickers
20. Ancient nicknamed King
21. Lead or Uranium
22. Scolds
24. Part of TGIF
25. Pro
26. First sign of rain
30. 'Special' suffix
31. Director Mr. Preminger
32. Country music's __ Young Band
33. River for The Bard
36. Some SPCA pets
38. Central
39. Mails
41. Mr. Linden
42. Play it up in theatre
44. Lots of mins.
45. Saffron rice dish of Spain
48. Wet __ (Moisture wipes)
49. Opposite WSW
50. Snow-capped European mountains
51. __ rata
53. Entourage
55. Furthermore
56. Total
59. Swanky transport
60. Web connector, commonly
61. Pressure meas.
62. Anoint, archaically
65. Creative Canadian Clay... Medalta __ (Historic attraction of Medicine Hat)
68. Bubbled tool
69. Sharon of "Boston Public"
70. Cross to bear
71. Soothsayers
72. Variant-spelled sea bird
73. Catch a glimpse

DOWN
1. Prickly desert plants
2. "There's Something __ Mary" (1998)
3. Small fishing boats of Newfoundland
4. And so forth, commonly
5. Anne Shirley smashed a slate over Gilbert Blythe's head when he called her what?
6. Variety of tree
7. "Sk8er __" by Avril Lavigne
8. Burton Cummings reached new heights with this tune: 2 wds.
9. Mammal like Rikki-Tikki-Tavi
10. Visibly stunned
11. That guy
12. Holy hail
13. First word in a Victor Hugo title
18. Cartoon fight sound effects!
23. Creative
27. Squeezed-into-tea fruit
28. Cream of the crop
29. Shore sights
30. Polit. designation
31. Non-written finals
33. Peter of '60s pop duo Peter and Gordon
34. Captain Nemo creator Jules
35. Beginning
37. What 'Inuit' means in Inuktitut: 2 wds.
40. Cocker and Springer
43. Cow's call
46. Reunion attendee
47. Member of Jesus' entourage
52. Skipping __
54. More maladied
55. Hyperion, for example, in Greek mythology
56. Reels
57. Completely deplete: 2 wds.
58. "Get Ur Freak On" by __ Elliott
62. Mr. Pacino's
63. Society notice word
64. Twilight
66. Not 'neath
67. Caviar

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You must be prepared to defend your beliefs and fight for them if necessary. Someone is going to challenge the way you look at the world and you must meet it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Friday's full moon takes place in the career area of your chart and there are likely to be challenges over the next few days. Someone in a position of power is watching you closely — make sure they like what they see.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The same old answers no longer satisfy you — something deeper is going on and you are determined to find out what. You may realize that ignorance is sometimes a blessing.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You could come into a large sum of money but you could also end up owing a lot to someone else. If possible, stick with what you've got — the status quo is not so bad.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There will be times over the next few days when it seems as if the world is against you, but it isn't. The approaching full moon will encourage others to undermine your confidence but they won't succeed.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Little things will upset you more than they should today, but now that you know that you can guard against it. Don't worry about things you cannot control.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The approaching full moon will revive your interest in something you appeared to give up on six months or so ago. Either give it everything or leave it alone.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The most important thing today is that you stay calm and think things through in a logical manner. It may not be the best time to speak from the heart.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will be very persuasive today and others will find it hard to deny you what you want. But if you don't know what you want your powers of persuasion could be wasted on trivial things.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't let others know that you are desperate about something because it puts you at a disadvantage. You are more likely to get what you want if you play it cool.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Friday's full moon could herald a new beginning, but only if you let go of the past. Remember too that only one individual is responsible for what happens in your life and that is you.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
What you are going through is necessary but that going has been tough. The full moon will bring matters to a head and it won't be long before you are on the up again.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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